

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
January 30, 2015

At the January 26, 2015 Commission meeting, the City Commission proclaimed January as Florida First Responder Appreciation Month. If you get a chance, thank a police officer, fireman, or EMT for their service. These first responders help make our City a better place to live!

Dates to Remember:

February 2, 2014 – 4:00 p.m. – City Commission Workshop
February 12, 2015 – City Commission Workshop
February 16, 2015 – City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- After months of discussions with engineers and owners, Rouge River, located at 1923 Hookers Point Road, has a plan to resolve their code violations with installation of fire alarms and a firewall separating the packing house from the office/cafeteria. This will allow continued operations during the construction.
- Allied Recycling, Inc. will lease their business located at 521 East Haiti Avenue to A&A Auto Salvage South LLC. They are a salvage yard planning on opening around the 1st of the month.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- Excel classes have begun in the Library. We currently have 8 regular attendees.
- The Clewiston Inn and the Friends of the Clewiston Library hosted two programs this week: Abe Lincoln & the Civil War on Wednesday and Elvis & the Superstars on Thursday.
- The annual One-Book-One Community program, sponsored by Walmart, is coming up in February. The focus is on disabilities this year. Look for more information next week.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- A DUI suspect drove off from a traffic stop earlier in the week. The suspect fled in the car when the officer was running his driver's license. Officers broke off the chase once the suspect was identified and called Seminole PD to BOLO for him. The abandoned vehicle was later towed to the PD, and the suspect was eventually located and arrested.
- An argument over the ownership of a dog escalated into a shooting at Trinidad Apartments. The victim was hospitalized and underwent surgery for a non-life threatening injury. The shooting suspect was found following a brief investigation. The suspect's wife was also arrested for tampering with evidence.
- Security plans are being finalized for the last of three fishing tournaments this month. From a law enforcement perspective, all have been without incident.

- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1099 Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 622 Complaints Investigated
 - 15 Traffic Citations Issued
 - 24 Traffic Warnings Issued
 - 12 Arrests Made
 - 15 Code Enforcement / Ordinance Violations
 - 60 Merchant Escorts
 - 14 Alarms Responded To
 - 2 Traffic Accidents Investigated

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- Please welcome Jesse Gutierrez Sr. to the Recreation Dept. He has been busy this week learning his areas of responsibility and bringing our public bathrooms and facilities back to standards.
- Replacement parts for the Sweetest Town Playground finally arrived. A new transition lip to the Orange Tree Slide and a new Tire Swing has been installed.
- New foul poles and a reconditioned scoreboard were placed on field #8 this week. Thanks to Mr. Lee Marvin from the Public Works Dept. and the crew from the Utilities Dept. for their help and assistance in accomplishing this task.
- The sports complex staff has been busy laying clay, edging, trimming, building pitching mounds, and pressure washing buildings, dugouts, bleachers and walkways on the Big Quad in preparation for the upcoming CHS baseball & softball seasons. We will begin doing the same on field #1 next week.
- CHS Lady Tiger Softball's "Annual" Pre-Season Classic will take place at Sugarland Sports Complex on field #8 on the Big Quad January 29th and 30th at 4:00, 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. both nights. Make plans to come out and support! GO TIGERS!
- The sports complex staff has begun breaking down soccer fields at the complex. Staff continues cleaning, repairing and storing goals and nets, moving, cleaning and storing spectator benches and player benches and will begin repairing goalie boxes on the field next week.
- Aeration and fertilization of all game fields at Sugarland Sports Complex have been scheduled to begin in February.
- Staff took a set of goals and nets to CMS and set them up and they will mark the field next week for the "CMS Club Soccer Team".
- Several City directors had the opportunity to read to the kids at Central Elementary School this week during their "Literacy Week" activities. Thank you to Ms. Maranda Berner for the invitation and the opportunity. It was a BLAST!
- Registrations are open for the upcoming 2015 Clewiston Recreation baseball & softball seasons. Uniforms are also available to try-on at the Youth Center. You can register on-line at www.clewistonrecreation.com or call 983-1492 for assistance.
- Clewiston Recreation is excited to offer ZUMBA at the Youth Center on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30 p.m. Contact Tanya (our Certified Instructor) directly at (914) 338-6577 for more information or contact Joanna at the Youth Center 983-1492.

- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- The Electric crew is nearing completion of the 3-phase line build for the Corp of Engineers' contractors at the Lake. They also installed and connected the scoreboard at the CHS baseball field and repaired several street lights
- The Water/Sewer Crew repaired the fire hydrant on Cypress and replaced the hydrant on Laurel Street and are continuing to work on the water line installation for contractors at the Lake.
- The Meter Readers have been painting fire hydrants.
- The sewer problem at John Boy Auditorium has been identified and we are working on having it repaired.
- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom or the City's website page www.clewiston-fl.gov. You may update your information at anytime through the same link.
- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov or call our office.